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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Teruji IKEMATSU

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Examiner: Michael P. Nghiem

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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING EXPOSURE AND SCAN-EXPOSURE APPARATUS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT FOR ALLOWANCE

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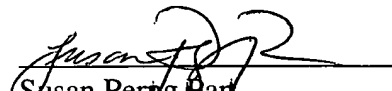
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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement on Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability dated August 31, 2004, Applicant clarifies that claims 1, 13 and 17 refer to measurement of distance between a recording medium and light source. The remaining independent claims 7 and 15 describe a determination relative to an illumination position. The claims are otherwise allowable based on their respective recitations.

Respectfully submitted,

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